

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 110
By McNally

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Cassandra Cardoza of Oliver Springs upon being named a 2003 Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders for whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cassandra Cardoza, an esteemed resident of Oliver Springs and a Senior at Clinton High School in Clinton, Tennessee, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Eighth Annual Prudential Spirit of Community Award's nationwide program, recognizing young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for her exemplary volunteer service, Cassandra was recognized as a 2003 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, honoring young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Cardoza won this recognition by organizing the "Warm Hands, Warm Hearts" drive, a collection effort that produced more than 100 pairs of mittens and gloves for disadvantaged elementary school children; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to Cassandra's efforts, many children received not only warm mittens or gloves, but the recognition that others sincerely cared about them; and

WHEREAS, Prudential Financial and with the National Association of Secondary School Principals will present an engraved bronze medallion to Cassandra Cardoza for her outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Cassandra Cardoza epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean, and takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Ms. Cardoza who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Cassandra Cardoza on being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.